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SUBJECT: PLO AMBASSADOR ALLEGES US BACKING FOR ISRAELI ATTACK

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1. ALL INDIA PEACE AND SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION, A LOCAL SOVIET FRONT ORGANIZATION, SPONSORED A MEETING IN NEW DELHI JUNE 19 TO CONDEMN THE ISRAELI RAID AGAINST THE OSIRAK NUCLEAR REACTOR. PLO AMBASSADOR FAISAL AWEDHA AND SYRIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ABDUL SALAM KOLKO WERE THE FEATURED SPEAKERS ATTACKING ISRAELI POLICY AND THE RAID IN PARTICULAR. SOVIET AMBASSADOR VORONTSOV AND AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION WERE ALSO PRESENT, THOUGH APPARENTLY THEY DID NOT ADDRESS THE MEETING. NO INDIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WAS REPORTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE..
2. PLO REMARKS

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- PLO AMBASSADOR AWEDHA REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT "WAR IS COMING" IN WEST ASIA. "IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL, THE NEW PRIME MINISTER WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER THE SYRIAN MISSILES WILL STAY OR GO, AND IF THE MISSILES HAVE TO GO, THEY WILL ATTACK LEBANON." ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, AWEDHA CHARGED US WITH COMPLICITY IN THE RAID AGAINST OSIRAK REACTOR, CLAIMING THE ATTACK WAS INTENDED TO BOOST ISRAELI MORALE. AWEDHA ALLEGED A "TRUE WAR OF ATTRITION" EXISTING WHICH HAD REQUIRED THE PLO TO ORDER A GENERAL ALERT AND THE RETURN OF NUMEROUS PALISTINIAN STUDENTS IN INDIA. SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION THERE HAD BEEN AN ESCALATION IN TENSION AND A MORE AGGRESSIVE ISRAELI POSTURE. SYRIAN CHARGE KOLKO PRAISED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR HIS COUNTRY AND PLEDGED UNFAIL-

ING FIRMNESS IN CONFRONTING ISRAEL AND DEFENDING ARAB
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